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| In re Application of: | § | Group Art Unit: | 1712 |
| Lirio Quintero | § | | |
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| Serial No.: 10/023,273 | § | | |
| | § | Examiner: Tucker, P. | |
| Filed: December 14, 2001 | § | | |
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| For: Surfactant-Polymer Composition | § | | |
| for Substantially Solid-Free Water | § | Atty. Docket: B154-26969 | |
| Based Drilling, Drill-in and | § | | |
| Completion Fluids | § | | |

RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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In response to the Final Action mailed August 26, 2004, please amend the referenced application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 48 of this paper.